

Whither Left - World According to Slavoj Zizek (2010, Kochi paper, written for The Hindu)
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I. The Three Main Classes

I am honored to be presenting this paper, though I have been told that the CPIM cannot find my address or give me their address. So, without further ado, I claim that the three main classes in global capitalism, are intellectual labourers, working classes and even the displaced who are systematically produced by the global capitalist system in India as in France. I think this means that one should call this constellation, the crisis in our times. It means that the primitive accumulation of capital, or accumulation via dispossession is an unequal capitalism attacking the poorest in tribal India, because of the drive to accumulate profits in capitalism requiring a new reserve army of labour, which also means that this contradiction then develops into the new place of labour in this sense. I also mean I am against Maurizio Lazzarato's argument that we should shift towards intellectual labour as an axis for class struggle which then develops into an theoretical leftist front. No the point here is not are we entering a new postmodern labour and information society, and so should have a new plan in that sense, instead it requires us to become more traditional leftist, because the attack now is clearly on the poorest, immigrant or displaced labour.

II. Whither Left

Like that even as capitalism attacks the poorest in tribal regions, I am told the CPIM has lost elections in Bengal and retains only Kerala and is being sidelined from the mass media. I also argue this is the true ideological mystification of our times, as the poor are more attacked the left is more irrelevant, when in fact it is the most relevant times for the left to return into its national relevance. Another set of ideological mystifications, is the decline of the left, and mass media deletion of the left, along with the economic crisis of global capitalism meaning that the far right is in ascendance. I call this an ideological mystification because though there is a class character to these developments, it seems as if the far right will win. Nothing other than the patent ideologisation of the economic model deleting the agenda of the left and asking for more mobilization of the capitalist attack on the poorest. In this situation, when our destitution to irrelevance is taking place, the only strategy can be to attack this ideological universe of the far right as the very air we breathe according to Saroj Giri in India, when the left should be more relevant than ever, now it seems they have no chance.

III. Living in the End Times - From Kobad Ghandy to the Left, what is the condition of the poorest

With Kobad being released from prison, though again I think this is the news, he is actually been free. I claim we should think about the four major antagonisms in global capitalism from his perspective -

- I. Global Capitalism and the Poorest
- II. Global Capitalism and Digital Culture or Semio-Capital which Requires a New Dot.Communist Manifesto
- III. Global Capitalism and the Far right
- IV. Global Capitalism and the Left, which is being attacked more and more to irrelevance.

Like that only joining our struggles in this constellation in a new leftist approach will win it for us. If we fail, it is only because we do not have a chance with mounting attacks. I think therefore, that one must approach the new world with the Old Leftist dictum - in these times of war and dying, only the left can help us and win the struggle for the poorest.

IV. The New Intellectual Class

I claim that we are all out of touch according to Arundhati Roy, who argues that the worldless capitalism has become a Hindutva neoliberal world already, with no space for the left. I argue that there is nonetheless a new intellectual class of theoretical followers, and this constellation will create our only chance - a new mass media and even a new economic programme which is our intellectual task. I have been told that the young Sirohi, Prophet of Islam, is currently busy quitting the CPIM and becoming a Maoist, and is deeply pessimistic about the bureaucratic CPIM style of politics. I claim if you can pass the message - you are the Prophet, Sirohi, and that is because you can argue the case out for tactics and conjunctures as a sketch of the capitalist developments in India as Althusser's Contradiction and Overdetermination essay, and this is his task he argues, to make a concrete analysis of a concrete situation. I think we will win, if we only analyse the abstract domains of this essay -

- I. In Abstract form - the global capitalist city developments and new semio-capital.
- II. The global comprador capitalism attacking the poorest, and new mining developments alongside Bauxite plans.
- III. The New overdetermination in principle called Maoism, but actually tribal insurgency.
- IV. The re-totalised subordinate moment of Islam and Prophet (Prophet can be a simple thing, just a man who reads Quran and interprets it to meaning youth and nostalgia for a liberal world, most of us do not say anything like this essay which is just a broad sketch that means in syntax organise the people, but he would call it a ideology critique style and then call for a new ideology of the left, because he can tell this is our plan, now I can only tell this is an accurate analysis, but he can tell all its aspects and how to solve it, by going back to his youth and his sense of an intuitive democracy or liberalism, currently under attack).